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The movement of industrial equipment from South China to the north and the reported return of such equipment by the Soviets to Manchuria has given rise to the following opinions among North China merchants:

a. The Communists are moving the machinery because there is more security for industry in the North.

b. The Communists are planning to pull out of South China, as the area is too difficult for them to manage.

c. The Soviets are encouraging the move in order to bolster the power of such men as LI Li-san in Manchuria in case MAO Tse-tung does not follow their requirements sufficiently.

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